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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Fri 8/21/2015 10:01:12 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Media question

I'm afraid this one went out Cynthia. Let's correct it and I'll send a correction. Sorry.

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**From:** Peterson, Cynthia  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 3:41 PM  
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FYI on wording from drms.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kirstin Brown - DNR <[kirstin.brown@state.co.us](mailto:kirstin.brown@state.co.us)>  
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**To:** "Peterson, Cynthia" <[Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject: Re: Media question**

We would like to re-word this to be more accurate. I have to wait until at least Monday until I can finalize this, so I can run it by a couple people.

Thanks Cynthia.

Kirstin Brown

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2015, at 7:25 AM, Peterson, Cynthia <[Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Kirsten. I really appreciate your help!

Cynthia Peterson

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**From:** Brown - DNR, Kirstin [<mailto:kirstin.brown@state.co.us>]

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**To:** Peterson, Cynthia; [jeff.graves@state.co.us](mailto:jeff.graves@state.co.us)

**Cc:** Bruce Stover - DNR

**Subject:** Re: Media question

Let me run this past Jeff Graves.

Bruce and my other boss Steve are both out of town.

Hopefully get back to you today.

Thanks Cynthia.

Jeff - Does the following information look correct?

1. A previous study indicates this mine was considered a high priority for clean up. When was the last time it was assessed? Were there any prior attempts to clean it?

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On Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 3:57 PM, Peterson, Cynthia <[Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi, Bruce.

I sent this media question to Kirsten earlier today and forgot to copy you. It occurs to me that she may be out in the field, as well.

Could you take a look at the last sentence in our answer to the question below? Is it accurate? If not, could you correct it?

Thanks!

Cynthia

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